

Regular Meeting of the Middle St. Croix Watershed Management Organization
Bayport Public Library, Bayport, MN
Thursday, August 9, 2018
6:00PM

Present: Brian Zeller, Lakeland Shores; Mike Runk, Oak Park Heights; Nancy Karras-Anderson, St. Mary's Point; Tom McCarthy, Lake St. Croix Beach; Patrick McGann, Bayport; John Felleggy, Baytown Township; Lakeland; Annie Perkins, Afton; Cameron Blake, WCD; Administrator Mike Isensee.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00PM by Brian Zeller.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the May 10th, 2018 minutes was made by Mike Runk, seconded by Nancy Karras-Anderson. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Report of savings account, assets for August 9, 2018

Approve payment of bills for August 9, 2018

The treasurer's report was presented by Administrator Isensee. The remaining checking account balance is \$298,663.77. First State Bank CDs are valued at \$32,094.13. The ending balance in the RBC savings account is \$48,830.18.

Bills to be approved this month are: Leah Smith: \$250.00; Prairie Restorations: \$850.00; Sally Arneson: 466.00; Emmons & Oliver Resources: \$14,274.73; Washington Conservation District (Administration- June) \$2,380.50; Washington Conservation District (EMWREP) \$1,500.00; Washington Conservation District (Water Monitoring): \$4,398.59; Washington Conservation District (Technical Services- June) \$8,693.56; Washington Conservation District (Technical Services- July) \$5,763.87; Washington Conservation District (Administration- July) \$1,562.50; Washington Conservation District (Grant Hours) \$26,466.63; Washington Conservation District (Lily Lake) \$453.48; Washington Conservation District (LSC Direct) \$7,568.77 Total: \$84,085.63

John Felleggy asked when the Washington Conservation District is paid and Administrator Isensee confirmed they are paid for work completed. John Felleggy asked about communities that owed the MSCWMO money. Administrator Isensee explained Lakeland was the last one with \$6,601.99 owed and that it was added to their contribution notification letter..

Brian Zeller requested a budget tracker review. Administrator Isensee reported administrative costs were 69% and technical assistance costs were at 67%.

A motion to approve the items in the treasurer's report was made by Mike Runk, seconded by Nancy Karras-Anderson. Motion passed.

Public Comment

Administrator Isensee reported a phone call complaint about 711 Quixote Ave, Lakeland in regards to ongoing work. Administrator Isensee talked to them this spring and made three requests for a site visit. Administrator Isensee will contact the city staff and forward the non-replies.

The second public comment was presented by Administrator Isensee from a Stillwater resident who discovered a new invasive species to Minnesota that was thought to have been removed from Stillwater in 2013. The invasive species is called Manchu Tubergourd, is not currently listed, and is covering about 3 acres in the Mulberry Ravine in Stillwater.

Draft 2019 Budget

Administrator Isensee will send the budget notice out. The 2019 budget has a less than 1% increase which Administrator Isensee believes can be shifted around to result in a 0% increase. Brian Zeller moved to approve the 2019 MSCWMO budget for \$133,070.00. John Felleggy seconded. Motion carried.

Lower St. Croix One Watershed One Plan Goals

Administrator Isensee presented the MSCWMO's clean water goals from the 2015-2025 plan and requested the board to provide any additional goals to the 1W1P Planning Team. Brian Zeller requested that infiltration be called out specifically.

FY19 Clean Water Fund Grant Applications

Staff recommends an application for funding to implement the findings of the draft Lily Lake Delisting Report. The \$1,500,000 grant application is identified in the 2015-2025 MSCWMO Watershed Management Plan. If successful the MSCWMO will work with the City of Stillwater to complete design in 2019 and install BMPs in 2020. The grant proposes to install two large BMPs addressing 50% of the annual stormwater pollution flowing into Lily Lake in 2020, in addition, alum treatments will be completed in 2020 and 2021. All studies conducted from 2007-2018 indicate this work will complete the work necessary in the watershed and result in the delisting of Lily Lake in 2024. The grant applications will require a minimum match of \$375,000.

Staff also recommends an application for funding to implement the findings of the Lake St. Croix Direct South Subwatershed Analysis. The \$200,000 grant is identified in the 2015-2025 MSCWMO Watershed Management Plan. It will install BMPs in collaboration with private landowners and communities in areas directly discharging stormwater to the St. Croix south of Bayport. The grant will require a 25% match of \$50,000.

John Felleggy asked about the match requirements for the grant. Administrator Isensee explained the match is included in the budget as admin and cost share and there will also be city resources contributing. Brian Zeller requested Administrator Isensee to ask the Lily Lake Association to contribute financially to the project. Brian Zeller moved to approve the grant applications and John Felleggy seconded. Motion passes.

Lily Final 45 Update and Payment Approval

Staff is requesting approval to reimburse soil boring expenses from the MSCWMO Cost Share Budget of \$5,960.00, which will completed the required match for the \$58,000 grant awarded in May, 2017 and to be closed in October, 2018.

Brian Zeller moved to approve this payment, Nancy Karras-Anderson seconded. Motion carried.

2018 Year End Cash Flow

Staff recommends diverting the MSCWMO CDs (\$32,094.13) which are up for renewal, into the checking account until January 2019. By 2019, the MSCWMO will have received reimbursement from BWSR totaling approximately \$150,000. Brian Zellar moved to approve the grant applications and John Felleggy seconded. Motion passes.

North Hill Community Garden Reimbursement, Stillwater

The North Hill Community Garden was approved for cost share funding not to exceed \$250.00 for a 910 square foot native garden installation on their property at 1004 Martha Street N. in Stillwater. Technical staff have reviewed the project and recommend approval. Mike Runk moved to approve the \$250 reimbursement for the North Hill Community Garden and Tom McCarthy seconded. Motion carried.

Arneson Native Slope Stabilization Cost Share Reimbursement, Lakeland

Sally Arneson has completed the year-long Master Water Steward training and has successfully planned and installed her Capstone Project. The project worked in partnership with the City of Lakeland to stabilize an eroding slope located on the west side of Quixote Avenue, upgradient of the iron enhanced sand filter. The capstone project installed native plants where needed to more effectively stabilize the 1,500 square foot slope. Staff have inspected the project and reviewed receipts. The project was installed per technical guidance from staff. and all costs submitted are reimbursable by the grant approved by the board at the June 14, 2018 regular meeting. Total project costs were \$922.00, for the purchase of 700 native plant plugs. All labor was provided by volunteers. Staff recommend reimbursement of a \$466.00 based on receipts received. Brian Zeller moved to approve the reimbursement of \$466.00 for the Arneson Native Slope Stabilization. Tom McCarthy seconded. Motion passes.

Peoples Church Native Prairie Restoration Grant Application, Bayport

The Peoples Church of Bayport are requesting cost share for the restoration of 2 acres of native prairie located at on the South side of 5th Avenue, across from the Bayport Fire Station. The total cost for the installation materials (the majority of the project is being installed and maintained with volunteer labor) is \$5,642.00. The Washington Conservation District is providing cost share of \$3,900.00. Peoples Church is requesting cost share of the remaining balance of material costs of \$1,724.00. Brian Zeller clarified that the cap on native restoration cost share of \$1,000.00. Brian Zeller moved to approve 75% cost share not to exceed \$1,000 for the Peoples Church Native Prairie Restoration. John Felleggy seconded this motion. Motion passes.

Stillwater Foundation Adopt A Raingarden Final Grant Report, Stillwater

Administrator Isensee presented the final report and asked for the board to approve it. John Fellegly asked who homeowners should contact if they have questions about Adopt-a-Raingarden or water issues. Administrator Isensee said they should contact the WCD or MSCWMO. Brian Zeller moved to approve the Stillwater Foundation Adopt A Raingarden final report and John Fellegly seconded. Motion passes.

Amy's Raingarden Grant Application, Bayport

April Amy is requesting a \$500 water quality improvement grant to install a raingarden at her residence located at 528 6th Street North in Bayport. The residential raingarden is within the Perro Creek watershed and will reduce annual phosphorus discharge by 0.14 pounds per year. Total project costs are estimated at \$2,700. Staff recommend approval of a \$500.00 water quality improvement grant. Patrick McGann moved to approve 75% cost share not to exceed \$500.00 for the Amy's Raingarden grant. Annie Perkins seconded. Motion passes.

Johnson Residence, Lakeland

No action required. Administrator Isensee provided an overview of the conditional approval and the outstanding concerns with the current proposed building configuration raising the elevation of the bluff and encroaching on the 40' setback. The board requested Administrator Isensee continue to work with Jim Stanton on this project.

Orchards at Cahanes, Baytown

Administrator Isensee provided an overview of the proposed Orchards at Cahanes Farms and staff recommendation of approval with 16 conditions. John Fellegly moved to approve the Orchards at Cahanes Farms with 16 conditions and Nancy Karras-Anderson seconded. Motion passes.

Palmer Station, Oak Park Heights

Administrator Isensee provided an overview of the proposed Palmer Station subdivision in Oak Park Heights with 5 conditions. Mike Runk moved to approve Palmer Station with five conditions and John Fellegly seconded. Motion passes.

2nd Street Commercial, Lakeland Shores

Administrator Isensee provided an overview of the transmitted results of the proposed 2nd Street Commercial Development. No action required.

Administrators Report

Administrator Isensee presented the Administrators report. The Washington County Water Consortium is on September 5th. Administrator Isensee attended the SSTS Risk Assessment Meeting at Washington County. Brian Zeller asked about Washington county plans to make a yard waste/recycling center. Administrator Isensee will check in on that with Lowell Johnson.

Adjourn

John Fellegly moved to adjourn at 7:41 p.m., Annie Perkins seconded. Motion passes. Meeting adjourned.